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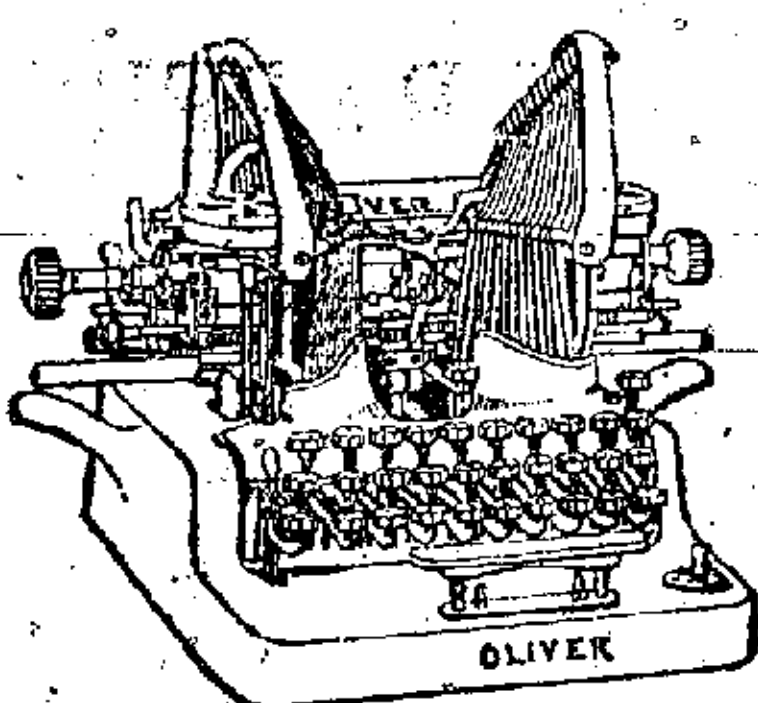
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"I am heartily sick of 'backing it'—wrote my brother, who was ranching in the North-West of Canada. Love of adventure and a desire to help him—we had always been chums: prompted me to go out and keep house for him.

When I made known my intentions there was a general outcry in the family. With the frankness which characterises relations, various uncomplimentary remarks were made concerning my domestic accomplishments. Notwithstanding, I set to work with determination. I attended a course of cookery and laundry classes, and having got my diplomas, I considered myself admirably adapted for Colonial life.

After a pleasant voyage on the Ionian I was soon rushing through the vast Dominion of Canada, past the rocky and precipitous shores of Lake Superior, through the immense forests of Ontario and the flat farm lands of Manitoba, on to the boundless, rolling prairie!

When at last we reached M—Creek, and I caught sight of my brother's stalwart form on the platform, my spirits revived. The ranch was twenty miles south of the town, and as it was then 7 p.m. it was too late to think of going out that night, so we stayed at the Royal Hotel. It was a large building, painted a bright purple, with green doors and windows.

The drive out to the ranch on the following day was delightful. The brilliant sunshine, cloudless sky, and exhilarating air had a most buoyant effect on my spirits, and the prairie seemed much more habitable than it had appeared to me from the windows of the C.P.R. car. We drove along the "road allowance" for about eight miles, then we struck out over a prairie trail. It was uphill most of the way and rather rough travelling, as we had so many loose stones to encounter.

My brother's ranch is in the Cypress Hills, and we had grand views of them all the way. The country is bare of foliage, except along the creeks, where the bush is thick. We passed by several homesteads surrounded by barbed wire fences, and drove through an enormous field eight miles square. The ranch was prettily situated on rising ground by Bear Creek, and there was plenty of bush surrounding it. The house and other buildings were built of pine logs, which came from the hills close by.

I was greatly surprised when I entered my brother's little domain, for from the outside it looked more like a large shed than a dwelling-house. But inside there were four good-sized rooms, a kitchen, a cosy sitting-room, and two bedrooms. The hired men slept in a separate shack outside. I had brought out a good supply of curtains, cushions, etc., and soon made it look quite homelike. There was plenty to do. I had to cook, wash, and do the housework for my brother and his two hired men.

In spite of my diplomas I found I had a great deal more to learn. I worked hard from morning till night. Then a good Samaritan, who had caught me one afternoon in a chaos of confusion, invited me to spend a week with her, and I left my brother to "back" it once again. The rapidly with which my kind Canadian friend got through her work amazed me. By two o'clock all was done, and we had the afternoon to enjoy ourselves. I kept my eyes open, learned Canadian methods, and returned home to find, after many

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of Condemned Stores,
at the Central Police Station Com-
pound.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 1, Ormby Terrace, Kow-
loon.

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General Memoranda.

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WESTERN OBJECT LESSONS &
CHINESE CONSERVATISM.

An eye-witness who can be relied
upon as a trained and careful observer,
informs us that the dykes and embank-
ments of the Kwan-tung rice delta,
destroyed by the appalling floods of
last June, are now in process of
restoration, but that the work of re-
building is following entirely the
ancient Chinese manner, haphazard
and unscientific, with no guarantee as
to the quality of materials used, or of
the skill and experience of the men
employed. The reconstructed banks
will no more be able to withstand the
pressure of such a volume of water as
that which burst their predecessors two
months ago than would a child's mud
castle, and at the next big rain-
burst we shall see this region of
a fair country again brought low,
all for the sake of a little courage to
forsake the ancient ways. The state-
ment is suggestive, in view of the fact
that here in Hongkong are to be found
engineering experts, specialists in this
branch of their profession, who would
be only too willing to give advice
and help in the matter of rebuilding
the ruined dykes and embankments
of Kwan-tung. It was a common re-
mark in this Colony years ago, that
Hongkong would eventually be the
China's grand object lesson in many
of the more practical aspects of

Western civilization. This anticipa-

tion is in process of being verified to a

certain extent in those parts of South

China immediately adjacent to us. We

say "to a certain extent," for we

hesitate to make positive and sweeping

affirmations where such a conservative

race as the Chinese are concerned. A

former Governor of Hongkong, Sir

W. DES VŒUX, on a memorable

occasion, saw in his mind's eye a

new China emerging under the

educative influences of Hongkong, and

he placed on record his vision of the

things that he imagined were to make

a new heaven and a new earth out of

this great and ancient empire. It was

principally by means of educative in-
fluence that the small island lying just
off its south-eastern coast was to effect
the transformation of China. The Des
Vœux despatch was eloquent and
rhetorical, it has also turned out to be
sagacious and far-seeing. In Canton
to-day may be seen an extensive band,
which, while rendering more na-
vigable the Pearl river, has added
largely to the available building area on
the river frontage. It is the outcome of
a "reclamation scheme" the hint and
suggestion of which was borrowed from
the reclamation scheme of this Colony.

Steam navigation along the inland
rivers of the province; the electric
lighting of portions of the city; the
new police system; the water sup-
ply; proposals for wider streets and for
a tramway are among the many indica-
tions that Canton is ready to adopt
the lessons which Hongkong has been
willing to teach these many years. But
though evidences of the fulfillment of our
former Governor's prophecy are to be
met with everywhere, a disquieting fea-
ture of the situation is the lack of con-
tinuity which the Chinese display in their
adaptation of the advantages of alien
teaching and Western civilization. The
successful building of a new band at
Canton should have proved a valuable
school of training and experience for
native engineers, and their experiences
should thereafter have been utilized in
repairing the broken dykes of the rice
delta. What stone and cement, in
sufficient quantities and applied by com-
petent hands, could accomplish in one
place could surely be done in another,
especially when the use of such materials
means the averting of grave disasters
and the safeguarding of lives and
property over enormous areas. The hard
living, thrifty peasantry on whose
labours the well-being of the state
depends should be among the first to
reap the benefits of modern discovery
and invention, especially when they can
be so readily adapted to their own
special needs. But nothing of the kind
seems to have occurred to the minds of
those responsible for the dyke-rebuild-
ing. "As it was in the days of your
forefathers" seems ever to be applied
to everything concerning the farming
class of China. Yet it must surely have
occurred to the shrewd philanthropists
living in Hongkong, Canton and Macao
who have nobly subscribed great sums
to the cause of famine relief, that what
is now positively needed is an inquiry
into the manner of reconstructing em-
bankments, with a view to lessening the
danger which, under present conditions,
is liable to recur during any summer or
autumn when for a few days in suc-
cession the rainfall exceeds the average.
Cannot the proper authorities be moved
to appoint a competent commission to
study the whole subject in the light of
Occidental experience? The issue
might be a new departure in dyke-
building and the opening of a new era
of quiet, assured industry while content
might dawn again for the farming
population of Kwan-tung.

Lieutenant J. Montgomery Campbell,
of the York and Lancaster Regiment, went
out sketching on the Murder Mountain,
near Quetta. As he did not return, search
parties were sent out, and his body was
discovered at the foot of a precipice 800
feet deep, down which the unfortunate
officer had fallen.

DOOR GUARD.—Those fearful head-
aches are spoiling her good looks. Stearns'
Headache Cure would stop them in ten
minutes. Why not try it? No bad taste, no
bad effects.

THE CRIMINAL APPEAL ACT.

Rarely three months have elapsed since
the new Criminal Appeal Act came into
operation in England, but serious com-
plaints are heard against the burden and
cost of its working. Speaking at the re-
cent Leeds Summer Assizes, Mr Justice
Bigham declared that the right now given
to every prisoner to require the Court to
hear an appeal had been shown by the
working of the Act to be "unnecessary
and even mischievous." Before the Act
became law it was said that the number of
appeals would be small and the cost of work-
ing would be small. Experiences so far had
shown that both forecasts were mistaken.
For there were then about fifty appeals
waiting to be heard; in every twelve
months some 10,000 prisoners were con-
victed; and if any proportion could be
established between these two factors, his
Lordship estimated that the new Court
would cost at least £100,000 a year and
that Parliament, however loth, would have
to appoint additional judges to the King's
Bench. These are serious statements com-
ing from such a source, especially as
Mr Justice Bigham claims the best au-
thority for what he says, apart from his
personal experience. At the Court's first
sitting, it will be remembered, the Lord
Chief Justice expressly pointed out that
its duties were not to re-try a case
but only to see whether the verdict ought
to stand. Further checks were imposed
by the judges' ruling that a *prima facie*
case must be made out for any appeal
against any verdict as being unreasonable
or wrong in law; and by the provision of
the Act that a frivolous appeal should be
punishable by an increase of the original
sentence. What now appears to have
happened was feared by some opponents of
the Act before it became law. In lodging
an appeal the prisoner feels that he has
always "a sporting chance." He may be
worsted—badly worsted, with a longer
sentence than he began with; but he has
the excitement of a new hearing, interviews
with his lawyer and friends, better food
and lodging while waiting the Court's
decision, all combining to relieve the
monotony of prison life. It is clear that
some greater stringency will have to be
imposed to save the Court from unne-
cessary labour. But (to adapt an old tag) no
Act is suddenly most perfect; and the fact
that under it some few prisoners have
already been redeemed from perversion of
justice is a strong argument that, with
judicious patching, the Court of Criminal
Appeal should yet develop into a useful
and workable institution.—N. C. Daily
News.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Dr. Baldwin, of Calcutta, claims to
have perfected a cure for leprosy, and to
have cured two cases.

The Nanking city railway was opened
on August 26, with great eclat. The road
is well-built and reflects great credit on all
concerned.

British jurors at the Franco-British
Exhibition report that Australian vine
growers have made great strides, especially
in white wines.

Mrs Margaret Brown, wife of an
engine fitter, met her death in an extraor-
dinary manner during a rainstorm at Bal-
main, Australia, the other day. She was
swept off her feet into a wide gutter, and
carried into a 16-inch drainpipe, and
drowned.

The Japanese Government has issued,
through the foreign Embassies and Legations
in Tokio, invitations to foreign Gov-
ernments to send military officers to
inspect the grand manoeuvres of the Japa-
nese army, to be held in the provinces of
Settsu, Kawauchi and Idzumi this autumn.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has
issued an encyclical embodying the de-
cisions of the Lambeth Conference. It
reaffirms the doctrines of the Trinity, the
Incarnation, and the historic creeds.
Referring to marriage problems, the en-
cyclical deplores the "terrible increase in
the facilities for divorce." The conference
considers it possible to make an approach
to a reunion of the Anglican and Pres-
byterian or other non-episcopal churches.

The Secretary for India is understood
to be carefully examining certain proposals
affecting the Tariff relations between the
Indian Empire and Japan. It has for
some time been apparent that something
must be done in this direction, owing to
the Japanese attitude towards imported
foreign manufactured goods; and it is now
believed that the Mikado's Government
may be persuaded to make exception in
respect of certain classes of manufactures
in which India is more particularly in-
terested.

Official statistics of immigration into
Canada for the first half of this year show
that the number totalled 96,119, a decrease
of 73,300, or 43 per cent, as compared
with the same period of 1907. The
decrease is entirely in immigration from
European and Asiatic countries, consequent
upon the restrictions adopted under the
Shipping Act to prevent an influx of im-
migrants likely to flood the labour market
in time of temporary trade depression.
Immigration from the United States in-
creased 1 per cent, and was composed
mostly of farmers going West.

If you are weak, tired, nervous or sup-
erfluous, the best thing you can take to
improve your debilitated system is
Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil. No other
food or preparation gives as good results,
and none is more to be taken.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A fatal case of plague was reported
to-day from Des Vœux Road West.

Several more summonses under the
new Public Health and Buildings Ordinance
were heard at the Magistracy to-day.

The sale of furniture at Mr H.
Borner's residence, "Derrington," the
Peak, will be continued on Wednesday,
the 2nd Sept., commencing at eleven
o'clock.

It is understood that Albert Hernox,
who was sentenced at Shanghai to eighteen
months' imprisonment for swindling wo-
men, will serve his sentence at Hongkong.

Mr Merriman, the Premier of Cape
Colony, stated, in answer to a question
asked in the Legislative Assembly, that the
Government had no intention whatever of
parting with Walvisch Bay, as had been
rumoured.

Many of what we consider "up-to-
date" ideas in sanitation, said Dr A. J.
Evans in a lecture to Cambridge students,
were anticipated some 2,500 years ago by
the people who built the palaces at Minos
(Crete).

A commission to examine the territory
in North Africa denominated by Mr Israel
Zangwill in his speech at Manchester as
the one tentatively chosen for "Tro-land,"
has been despatched by the Jewish Terri-
torial Organisation.

A warrant has been issued for the
arrest of Peter McClure, who failed to
appear at the Marine Court to-day, on a
charge of absconding himself from the S.S.
Empress of Japan, and with disobeying
the orders of the Captain.

General Booth declared at the forty-
third anniversary of the Salvation Army, at
the Crystal Palace, that he was going to
South Africa, "if possible, to find a new
Canaan, in which the unemployed of the
old country may receive a welcome."

Before a Royal Commission on the
pearling industry, which has been sitting
at Brisbane, a witness stated that eight
years ago he had laid 100,000 shells in the
neighbourhood of Friday Island. Japanese
stealers stole the shells. The witness was
before the district court judge, who held
that as pearl-shell oysters were wild
animals there was no penalty for stealing
them.

The London County Council tramways
last year realised a surplus of £402,000,
which is reduced to £45,000 by the deduc-
tion of debt and other charges. The whole
of the balance has been set aside for re-
newals. The total debt now outstanding
amounts to £7,330,697. During the year
the passengers numbered 372,515,754, and
the number of car miles run was 55,661,189.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott,
at the Supreme Court, this afternoon,
dismissed with costs the motion against
Chai Wai Kee, in the motion by Li King
Shek, that the transfer by him of 14,000
bags of flour, the property of the Kwong
Yik Wo firm, in favour of Chai Wai Chi
was a fraudulent preference against the
other creditors of the debtor and that he
was not a bona fide purchaser of the flour.

Negotiations have been going forward
for some time between the British and
French Governments for the improvement
of the Suez Canal, and matters have now
reached a stage when an early agreement
seems highly probable. It has frequently
been suggested that with the growth in the
size of ships using the canal the waterway
should be both widened and deepened from
end to end without further loss of time, but
the French authorities have been very re-
luctant to incur the heavy expense. It is now
believed that these objections have been
withdrawn, and the work, it is hoped, will
be taken in hand during the coming year.

A sensational case was recently closed
at Allahabad, when Mr Wall, temporary
executive engineer, Jampur, and his wife,
Mrs Wall, who were accused of accepting
an illegal gratification, were sentenced. Mr
Wall to eighteen months' rigorous and Mrs
Wall to twelve months' simple imprison-
ment. Details of the proceedings show that
Mr Wall was accused of having asked and
obtained 10 per cent. commission from a
Cawnpore firm of contractors on an order
aggregating £29,333 for famine relief works.
Mrs Wall was accused of obtaining articles
and gifts from the same firm, intimating
that, if nothing was forthcoming, further
Government orders would not be given to
the firm.

HEAVY LAW BUSINESS.

Court Overtaxed.

When the Supreme Court opened this
morning, the Chief Justice, Sir Francis
Pigott, said that he thought Counsel were
overtaxing the capacity of the Court, and
he did not think they could possibly get
through the work set down before the
vacation.

Hon Mr H. E. Pollock—I agree it is very
difficult.

His Lordship then mentioned certain
arrangements and said he was entirely in
counsel's hands. He wanted them to re-
member that his work did not finish in
the Court. There was a considerable lot
of other work and that there might be
many applications.

Hon Mr H. E. Pollock—I think your
Lordship had better think over the
arrangements.

His Lordship promised to do so.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

General Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, who
will be visiting Hongkong this autumn,
has been unanimously elected Unionist
candidate for the Bodmin division of
Cornwall, where he resides.

President Roosevelt will finish his
vacation and return to Washington on
September 20. He has been at Oyster
Bay since about the middle of June. His
return is slightly earlier this year than
heretofore.

At a meeting of the council of the Royal
Colonial Institute, held on July 28, Sir
Hubert Jennings presiding, the follow-
ing gentlemen, among others, were elected
Fellows—Dr Oswald Marriott (Hongkong),
and Mr Samuel E. Trench (Ceylon).

His Excellency, Sir Frederick Lugard,
has issued invitations to the Investiture of
the Hon. Mr Wei Yuk with the Com-
panionship of the Most Distinguished
Order of Saint Michel and Saint George,
at Government House on Wednesday,
September 9, at 3.30 p.m.

In honour of her twenty-fourth birth-
day, Miss Gimble was the recipient last
evening of eight baskets of beautiful flowers
and a money present. She is a popular
artist at the Alexandra Cinema-theatre and
her health, at the conclusion of the per-
formance last evening, was toasted over
and over again.

In recognition of the fact that Framling-
ham School, Suffolk, has been the first
school to gain over 1,000 of the Royal Life

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

QUITE RECOVERED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

London, August 31.

The Emperor Francis Joseph has recovered from his recent indisposition.

A LIGHTHOUSE FOR CAPE GUARDAFUL.

FRESH PROPOSALS BY ITALY.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

London, August 31.

Italy has presented fresh proposals to the Powers regarding the establishment of a lighthouse at Cape Guardafui.

In doing so, Italy suggests that steamers bound for the Far East and South Africa should pay a toll at Suez of one to three centimes per ton.

CHINA AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

(Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 31.

An Imperial Edict was issued under date of August 27th in connection with the establishment of Constitutional Government in nine years' time. In consequence the Constitutional Investigation Department, recently established in Peking, is making the necessary arrangements to carry out the Imperial Commands. It is said that there will be no elections of members to the new Parliament unless it is satisfactorily proved that 5 per cent. of the Chinese people can read.

[Note—This seems to relegate the scheme to the Greek Kalends.—Ed. C.M.]

THE AMERICAN FLEET AT MELBOURNE.

London, August 30.

The American Battleship fleet which has arrived at Melbourne was welcomed by the ringing cheers of thousands, both ashore and afloat.

At a state dinner held yesterday evening, the Governor of Victoria proposed the health of King Edward and President Roosevelt jointly.

THE TURKISH NAVY.

London, August 30.

At Constantinople it is believed that a Turkish squadron will shortly visit Smyrna where a meeting with Greek and French warships is expected. The formation of a squadron of four torpedo-boats for service in the Red Sea is also contemplated.

Twenty-two antiquated vessels are to be struck off the effective list.

GERMAN TORPEDO-BOAT IN THE TYNE.

London, August 30.

Considerable comment was caused by the arrival and anchoring of a German torpedo-boat in the Tyne during the progress of a mimic battle.

On the Officers of H. M. S. Vindictive boarding her to ascertain the reason of the visit, her commander explained that owing to an accident to his water tank whilst watching fishing operations in the East coast, he had been compelled to put in for repairs, and was unaware of the progress of manoeuvres, for causing the stoppage of which he expressed his regret.

INDO-CHINA.

London, August 30.

M. Klobokowski, Governor-General of Indo-China, has left Marseilles to take up his post.

MOROCCO.

London, August 30.

Abdul Aziz has left Settat and arrived at Berrechid where he has bivouacked with his followers. Some towns are still holding out for the Hafidists.

WHOOPING COUGH.

THIS is a very dangerous disease unless properly treated, but all danger may be avoided by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It liquefies the tough mucus, soothes the inflamed membrane, keeps the throat moist, and makes the progress of the disease less frequent and less severe. It is sold by all chemists and druggists.

CHINA'S REVENUE. GENERAL DECREASE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, September 1.

The amount of revenue collected by the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs during the period, April-June, this year was 8,274,801, as against 8,991,515 for the corresponding period of last year.

The respective amounts for the various ports were:—Shanghai, 2,539,776 against 2,345,546; Canton, 760,030 against 786,696; Kowloon (Lappa), 155,732 against 186,874.

The amount collected with respect to opium was 385,380 against 369,020. The import duty amounted to 3,042,571 against 3,997,778, while the export duty was 2,739,679 against 2,275,706.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF EXPORT DUTIES.

(Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 31.

The Commissioners of the Imperial Maritime Customs intend to reduce the export duties.

CANTON HANKOW RAILWAY.

CHANG CHIH-TUNG A DIRECTOR.

(Wah Tze Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, August 31.

H. K. Chang Chih-tung has assumed office as Director of the Canton-Hankow railway. His office-quarters will for some time be at the Consulate.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM THE "CARLETON-AMERICAN."]

THE INDEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

HAVANA, August 28.

A proclamation has been issued to the people of Cuba calling an election for legislature and national officers to be held on all provinces on November 14. It is announced that the officers and others elected on this date will be inducted into office with appropriate ceremonies on January 28. It is announced that the inauguration of the new government of Cuba will be the signal for the withdrawal of the United States troops and government officials. General Magon will turn over the reins of government to the new president to be elected. The proclamation is regarded as putting an end to the revolutionary character affecting the withdrawal of the United States forces.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 28.

Mr. Bryan, in a speech before a vast throng of Democrats today, took a full out of the Republican candidate. The campaign so far has seemed to be an exchange of interesting denunciations between the leading candidates. After castigating over Mr. Taft's Hot Spot speech of last week, Mr. Bryan declared that the Republican candidate and the moneyed interests were altogether too tight and he devoted himself to-day to an exposition of the reasons he had found for Mr. Taft's failure to secure the vote in the face of the trust bulls. He said Mr. Taft had shown an almost inexplicable leniency toward "the interests" and he demanded that the people should be told why.

RUSSO-JAPANESE FEELING.

TOKYO, August 28.

Count Komura returns to Tokyo to-night. The future Minister of Foreign Affairs has been interviewed *en route*. He expressed his gratification at his meeting in St. Petersburg with M. Lowinsky, and said that he was satisfied of a definite post-bellum change in Russian sentiment towards Japan. He also spoke of the great significance of the now frequent meetings of European monarchs.

MANCHURIAN PROSPECTS.

COUNT KOMURA paid a visit of inspection to Port Arthur and Tairen after passing through Manchuria, and said that he was convinced that Japan had a bright prospect before her in Manchuria.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

TOKYO, August 27.

Count Komura took up his position to-day as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The newspapers, in welcoming the appointment, urged the need of improvement in the relations of Japan and China. They also express the expectation that Count Komura's knowledge of the situation should expedite a solution of the Hainan-Fukien Railway difficulty.

FROM MEXICO.

THE following paragraph was clipped from the "El Sol," a newspaper at Hermosillo, Mexico, it being a part of a letter to the publisher from a friend. "On my last trip to my property on the Sonora, my best friend with me to the ground, wounding me badly, but by chance provision I had brought in my valise a flask of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, a famous remedy. It is so easy to administer my journey the following day as if nothing had happened. I say a word of praise to this popular liniment or ointment from recommending it." For sale by all chemists and druggists.

HONGKONG CIVIL SERVICE CLUB.

Annual Meeting.

A large gathering of civil service men and others were present at the annual meeting. The Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Chatham, having read the annual report, stated that the Club membership had decreased by twenty-one members, and that an effort should be made to restore it. Mr. Brett, after seconding the adoption of the report, commented on the excellent work which had been accomplished by the officials and the committee and also spoke in complimentary terms of the services rendered by Mr. Bond, the honorary steward. Mr. Brett suggested that Mr. Bond should receive a bonus of one hundred dollars. This offer was kindly declined, however, in view of the Club's financial condition. The following were duly elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: Captain and Vice-Captain, Messrs. Hutchison and Biden; Mr. Woolley, Secretary, and Mr. Dawson Treasurer. Mr. A. Davey was elected Captain of "A" team with Messrs. Jaffe, Kelly, Wiltchell, Fincher, Thornhill, Bond and Wheel. A question arose in reference to the proposed erection of a pavilion which, according to Mr. Biden's estimate, would run up to about two thousand five hundred dollars. Mr. Dawson, however, suggested that the sum of three thousand dollars be raised by debentures. This latter action was decided upon, and that the erection of the building should be commenced as early as possible. The meeting then ended.

Annual Report.

The following was the annual report of the Committee of the above Club for 1907-08, presented at the annual meeting, held in the Club premises on Monday evening.

CRICKET.

In the League Competition we played 18 matches, won 6, drew 4 and lost 5. We finished 6th in the League Table. The First Eleven played 2 matches, other than League matches, winning both. The Second Eleven played 10 matches, won 5, drew 1 and lost 3. Our Cricket Gear is in fairly good order and little more will be required during the ensuing season. Thanks are due to Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Messrs. Rees and Chavley for the Cricket Prizes presented by them during the season.

Prize winners at Cricket were as follows: League Baking, presented by the Club, Mr. F. A. Biden; League Bowling, presented by Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Mr. C. Wiltchell; First Eleven Batting, presented by Mr. F. A. Biden, Mr. R. O. Hutchison; First Eleven Bowling, presented by the Club, Mr. L. E. Brett; First Eleven Bats all round Cricket, presented by Mr. L. C. Rees; Mr. H. T. Jackson; First Eleven Fielding, presented by the Club, Mr. A. G. Pile; Second Eleven Batting, presented by the Club, Mr. H. Ellis; Second Eleven Bowling, presented by the Club, Mr. G. Hogarth; Second Eleven Fielding, presented by Mr. H. G. Chawley, Mr. L. A. Wheel.

TENNIS.

This game has been well patronized during the season, at least two Courts being in constant use whenever weather permitted. An Inter-club match was arranged with Craigiepower Cricket Club and resulted in a win for the visitors. A mixed Doubles Tournament was played on Empire Day and the games were very keenly contested by the Ladies who took part. The Annual Tournament was finished recently and has been the cause of some very recent and closely contested matches. The prize winners were as follows:—Championship Singles, 1st Prize, Mr. A. G. Pile, 2nd Prize, Mr. A. Biden; 1st Prize, Mr. A. G. Pile, 2nd Prize, Mr. J. Mackay; Doubles Handicap, 1st Prize, Messrs. F. A. Biden and A. G. Pile, 2nd Prize Messrs. A. M. Thornhill and W. F. Fincher; Mixed Doubles, 1st prize, Miss L. Heang and Mr. F. A. Biden, 2nd Prize, Miss Pile and Mr. A. M. Thornhill.

LAWN BOWLS.

Several Competitions were arranged and carried out during the year, consisting of Full Rinks, Championship, Handicap and a "Jack High" Competition. We played 2 Inter-Club matches during the present season, won 1 and lost 1. Thanks are due to "Jack High," who has generously presented a Cup for the "Jack High" Competition and a handsome Trophy to be competed for by the various Bowling Clubs. Also to those gentlemen who presented prizes during the season for other Competitions.

The Prize winners were as follows:—Club Championship—1st Prize, Mr. C. Bond, 2nd Prize, Mr. A. M. Thornhill; Championship Full Rinks—1st Prize Mr. E. W. Dawson, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. Melver, Mr. W. F. Fincher (Skip); 2nd Prize, Mr. C. W. Brett, Mr. R. Fenton, Mr. A. M. Thornhill, Mr. I. A. Wheel; Handicap Competition—1st Prize, Mr. C. Bond, 2nd Prize, Mr. A. M. Thornhill; "Jack High" Competition—1st Prize, Mr. W. F. Fincher, 2nd Prize, Mr. W. H. Kelly, 3rd Prize, Mr. I. A. Wheel; Open Handicap Competition—Prizes presented by Mr. J. M. Irving, 1st Prize, Mr. R. Fenton, 2nd Prize, Mr. L. E. Brett, 3rd Prize, Mr. R. Cuthbert and Mr. W. H. Kelly.

Pairs Competition—Prizes presented by Messrs. Thornhill and Bond. 1st Prize, Messrs. L. E. Brett and A. M. Thornhill, 2nd Prize, Messrs. I. A. Wheel and C. Bond. Rink Competition—Prizes presented by Mr. C. H. Parkinson:—Won by Mr. C. W. Brett, Mr. A. Brown, Mr. C. Bond, Mr. R. Fenton (skip). Spoon Competition.—Won by Mr. L. E. Brett, Mr. W. F. Fincher, Mr. P. L. Adams, Mr. E. W. Dawson, Mr. M.

MELVER, MR. W. H. KELLY, MR. A. BLOWEY, MR. C. BOND.

We were unfortunate in having our Pavilion blown down during the Typhoon of 27th July last. Considerable damage was also done to the pots and flowers. A temporary makeshift has been built pending the erection of a new Pavilion. The Annual Sports were fixed for Whit Monday but owing to the wet weather they had to be twice postponed and were finally carried out on 27th June. Mrs. W. Chatham kindly distributed the prizes won at the Sports and during the year. Thanks are due to Messrs. Howell and Wheel for the attention given to the Cricket Pitch, Tennis Courts, Bowling Green and Flowers, and also to Messrs. Wright and Reed for auditing the accounts. Mr. L. E. Brett resigned the office of Hon. Secretary on 24th April and Mr. W. H. Woolley was appointed to act until the General Meeting. We have now a membership of 66.

A JURY'S SUGGESTIONS.

The remarks of the foreman jurymen which were made at the conclusion of the case, in which Leung Lai Nam and others sued Messrs. Router, Brockingham and Co., for the alleged illegal seizure of certain property belonging to the plaintiffs at Canton, came up at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, and Mr. Justice Compton, sitting as a Full Court, this morning. The foreman will be remembered reading a typewritten document expressing disapproval of Chinese firms concealing their identity under "tong" names and thought that such firms ought not to be allowed the privileges of a British court of law.

After stating what had happened at the trial. Hon. Mr. Pollock said—This paper read by the jury after they were discharged by the Court, did not form part of the verdict of the jury, and should not form part of the record.

The Chief Justice—Unless it is in your notice of motion that this is an irregularity it must form part of the appeal.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—We cannot appeal from something we contend ought not to be on the record at all. If we included it in our notice of motion we would practically admit that it is on the record.

The Chief Justice—It is on the record as a fact, and there should be a motion to remove it. Hon. Mr. Pollock—My point is that the jury were discharged before they made it. We contend that it is not either a rider or an addition to the verdict. The Chief Justice—We think it is regularly on the record, not merely technically on the record of the case. It is also clear that it could be referred to and brought before the Court by way of affidavit, but this is unnecessary now because it is on the record of the trial.

THE HONGKONG CHURCH MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

A Meeting of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association will be held, by kind permission of Mr. Alfred Byer, at "Randen's," 119B, the Peak, on Friday, September 4th, at 5.30 p.m. The Ven. Rev. Archdeacon Banister will preside and addresses will be given by Miss L. Bryer and Miss H. R. Lloyd, of the Church of England Zonana Missionary Society, who have been working for many years at Cing Pau, and elsewhere, in the Province of Fuhkien. All interested in Missionary work are cordially invited to attend.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics of Hongkong for the week ending August 30 are as follows:—British and Foreign community 31.6 per 1,000 as against 24.6 per 1,000 for the corresponding week of last year. Chinese Community 66.4 per 1,000 as compared with 20.5 per 1,000. The figures for the week ending August 15 are as follows:—British and Foreign community 39.0 per 1,000 as against 12.3 per 1,000. Chinese community 39.9 per 1,000 as against 22.2 per 1,000. The figures for the week ending August 22 are:—British and Foreign community 23.7 per 1,000 as against 23.7 per 1,000. Chinese community 29.5 per 1,000 as against 25.0 per 1,000.

THE EXTERMINATION OF RATS.

Correspondence was read at the meeting of the Sanitary Board, this afternoon, relative to the reports on experiments conducted in Indian laboratories on Indian field and house rats with Ratin No. 2. Mr. A. Shelton Hooper mentioned—This is very interesting and should be noted. I fail to see any reason for not asking the Colonial Secretary's permission to do these papers to the members of the Board considering the Government sent them to the Board. Mr. Lau Chu Pak also mentioned—I suppose this poison will kill all rats which people are now advised to keep. In Chinese houses it is not safe to leave poison all over the place. The Hon. Registrar General said—kill children!

A NEIGHBOUR'S KINDNESS. MR. W. J. FOLLY, J.P., a well-known Hongkonger, South. All the time I was called to see a neighbor who was suffering from severe rheumatism, and who really thought he was past help. I gave him three doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and in a few hours he had quite recovered. I feel only use this remedy to my own family and sell it to my own customers and give them a good recommendation. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

PREVENTION OF RAT INFESTION.

Compulsory System of Removal of Ceilings Favourable.

The committee appointed to consider the question of the removal of ceilings and stair linings reported at a meeting of the Sanitary Board, this afternoon, that they were of the opinion that a scheme of compulsory and systematic removal of ceilings should be adopted as a means to the prevention of rat infestation subject to certain expenses being paid by the Government and the granting of exemptions in particular cases.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper mentioned—This should not apply to European houses or offices. Two weeks notice is too short. Mr. Lau Chu Pak also mentioned—I do not think a distinction should be made. The Committee to be appointed for the carrying out of this work will no doubt see that proper justice is done and as little friction as possible caused.

SPORTING.

Billiards.

At the last stroke of midnight, on Monday, the competition closed at the Oriental Hotel for the Peal billiard cue. Since no one was successful in beating Sergt. W. Pitts' break of sixty-five, he was duly proclaimed winner of the prize presented by Mrs. Mathias, for the highest break on her private billiard table. The cue is a beautiful one and weighs sixteen ounces and is a facsimile of the one by which W. T. Peal scored the enormous record break of three thousand three hundred and four. Monthly competitions will now be established at the Oriental, and month by month the value of the prize presented will be increased. All previous winners, however, are to be barred. In the last competition several breaks of forty-five and over were made so that now Mr. Pitt is barred, one of these players stands a good chance of winning.

Interport Cricket.

The Hongkong Cricket Club have accepted the invitation of the Shanghai Cricket Club to visit Shanghai, and the team will probably leave by the P. and O. Mail on October 1. A special sub-committee composed of the Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Major E. W. K. Stephenson, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, and Mr. R. Hancock has been appointed to select the team from all the cricket clubs in the Colony.

Only players whose names are included in the special list on the notice board at the Cricket Club are entitled to practice at the nets before October 1st. They include the general committee and Messrs. B. E. O. Bird, A. A. Claxton, H. R. Makin, E. A. Fowler, R. O. Hutchison, A. E. Lanning, A. W. J. Peake, F. H. H. Stevens, E. H. Hinds, P. Nesbitt, E. B. Reed, Captain A. M. Beasley, and Lieutenants K. H. Lucy and L. C. Larnum, R.A., Captain A. H. Cooper, A.D.C., Captain Oliver, Lieut. G. R. Home, Bandmaster Barton and Corporals Sharpe and Gooding of the 3rd Middlesex Regiment, Captain J. A. Murray, A.O.D. The clubs which have been invited to nominate two members for places in the team to practice on the Cricket ground during September are as follows:—Kowloon Cricket Club, Craigiepower Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Police Cricket Club, Pansy Cricket Club, R.A. Cricket Club, R.E. Cricket Club, Departmental Cricket Club, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, 15th Rajputa Regiment and 105th Mahratta Regiment. It is expected that the team will be away at least a fortnight but should return within three weeks. All particulars in relation to Interport Cricket will be found posted on the notice board outside the Pavilion.

Shooting.

WINGARD CUP COMPETITION. The results of the competition for the Wingard Cup is as follows:—Spearmen's Gun Club Shanghai. 180 Birds The Northern Gun Club ... 173 " Shanghai Gun Club ... 172 " Foochow Gun Club ... 168 " Singapore Government House Gun Club ... 155 " Hongkong Gun Club ... 130 " Clay Pigeon Club Shanghai ... 121 " A match will probably be arranged between the Shanghai Club and the Northern Gun Club, the former having challenged the latter to shoot under identical conditions to those governing the Wingard Cup Competition.

Horse-Racing.

A PROFESSIONAL JOCKEY FOR JAPAN. RACE CLUBS. On board the steamer Aldenham, which arrived in port on Sunday and leaves for Japan ports to-morrow morning, is Mr. H. Coffey, a professional jockey of high standing in Australia. Mr. Coffey is proceeding to Japan under a three year's engagement for one of the principal Japanese jockey clubs with headquarters at Kobe—but he has also permission to ride for other race associations. As a jockey, Mr. Coffey has had a remarkable career, which, with a lot of hard work and good riding, has placed him among the foremost of Australia's present-day jockeys. During the nine years of his professional career he has had three seasons from each of which he sustained serious injuries. It is partly on account of these that he has accepted the offer made him by the Japanese. He is a native of New South Wales, and has been a member of the New South Wales Jockey Club for many years. He is a very good rider, and his agreement to go to Japan is a very good recommendation. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

five-year-old chestnut entire, Haut Nil, with three white feet and a white blaze down the face. Four hundred guineas was paid for the animal. This horse has won the amateur championship of Australia. Mr. Coffey has had the pleasure of winning all the two-year old races of the season; the Queensland Cup; the St. Leger; ran second in the Melbourne Cup—value 25,000; second in the Caulfield Cup—value 25,000; third in the Australian Junior Club Derby; third in the Brisbane Cup; third in Australia Cup; came in first in the Anniversary Handicap and he has also won the Carlington Stakes, all of which are important races in Australia. Besides the races referred to, he has won many handicaps, running up in value from two hundred to one thousand pounds. During the last three years, Mr. Coffey has been the principal jockey of "Tom" Paton, the leading trainer of Australia.

County Cricket Championship.

Results to August 26, 1908.

Counties.	W	L	D	Wet	Per Centage.
Yorkshire	25	16	0	9.16	100.00
Kent	25	17	3	5.14	70.00
Surrey	25	13	4	8.9	52.04
Middlesex	16	6	3	6.3	33.33
Sussex	25	4	15	2	20.00
Worcestershire	16	5	5	1	9.09
Lancashire	23	9	5	0	0.00
Hampshire	18	7	3	1	6.66
Nottingham	18	6	7	2	7.69
Essex	20	5	7	2	16.66
Leicestershire	18	4	7	3	20.00
Gloucestershire	22	7	11	4	22.22
Warwickshire	20	5	9	4	25.57
Dorsetshire	21	4	13	4	52.94
Northamptonshire	21	3	13	5	62.54
Shire	20	2	13	2	73.33

A TIRELESS FOOTST.

Speaking at Dulwich College, at the annual prize-giving, Dr. Warren, late headmaster of Eton, entered a protest against the modern spirit of competition, which fostered the "Olympic Agony," and had turned most of our play into hard work and made a toil of our pleasures. Self-seeking and self-advertising in our games threatened the national character, and it was incumbent on the public schools and the universities to work for the effacement and the maintenance in their stead of a generous *esprit de corps*.

A 30-h.p. Napier car has won a race of 30 miles at Brooklands, attaining a speed of 104 miles an hour.

An anti-motorist league has been started in England to check reckless driving.

COMMERCIAL.

A cement factory is going to start at Wuchang under the management of Taitai Ching Chu-in, says the *Hankow Mail*. It is said that the factory will turn out cement of best quality and certainly, if it be true the foreign manufacture will have to face strong competition. Already, the Taitai has informed the Railway Bureau to give orders for the amount required for railway purposes and that the factory will be in working order by next year.

TAIKOO DOCKYARD.

The following paragraph appears in a London paper:—Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company of Hongkong, Limited—A trust deed registered June 17, 1908, secures a series of £700,000 five per cent. first mortgage debentures. The trustees are: R. D. Holt and C. G. Scott, and the debentures are secured on the dry dock, repairing and building slips, foundry, engineering, and other shops, offices, stores, and general yard, as well as all other assets including uncalled capital.

BRITISH KING MAKERS.

Six Enterprising Young Men Aid Mulai Hadd.

Six enterprising young Britons are doing their utmost to establish Mulai Hadd on the throne of Morocco, says a Home paper, in the belief that if they succeed the country will be opened up to foreign enterprise, international troubles will cease, and Morocco will no longer be a menace to the peace of Europe. At a time when the whole country is in a turmoil for the very reason that the people resented the influence of foreigners with Abdul Aziz, these six venturesome men have actually penetrated to the very heart of the country and have even succeeded in attaching themselves to the immediate entourage of Mulai Hadd. In return for British unofficial assistance Mulai Hadd is prepared to give concessions for building railways, mining, reorganization of the finances of the country, various important political posts, and a partial control at least of the Customs to the Little British syndicate which Mr. Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett promptly formed.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—On the 1st at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen moderately along the Yangtze valley, and over the Loochoos and Bonins. It has risen considerably in N.E. Japan. Pressure is low over the Pacific between N. Luzon and the Bonins while an area of high pressure of considerable intensity is lying over N.E. Japan. Moderate N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. Strongest for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DIRECTION.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, light or moderate; showery. 2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, moderate. 3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooka: Same as No. 1. 4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

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